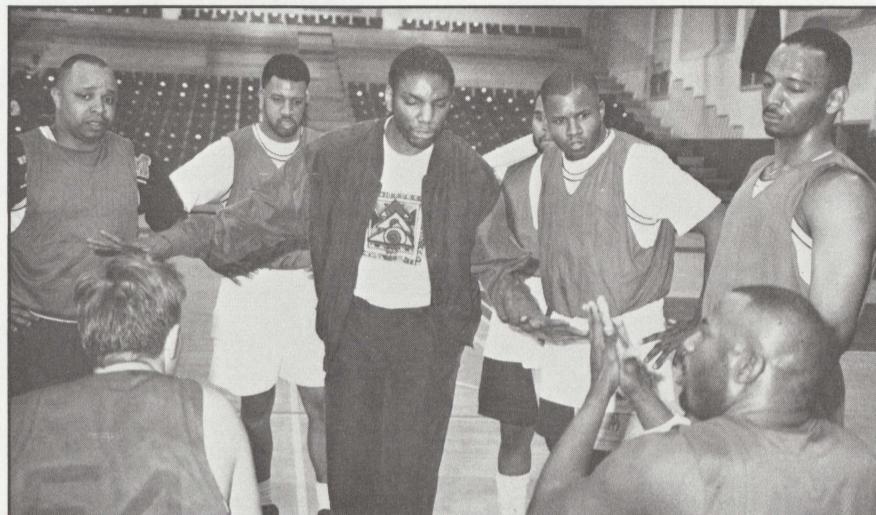


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Physical Education Department equipment manager Ben Baylor (center), coaches Gallaudet's team at the Gallaudet Community Relations Council's annual benefit basketball game Feb. 26 in which the WPGC FlyGuys defeated Gallaudet 101-87. Game proceeds went to the Ionia R. Whipper Home, Inc., a program for homeless adolescent girls.

Self-support is vital, panelists say

African Americans need to work together to mentor and support each other if they are to move closer to full equality in society, according to panelists and students who spoke at the closing Black History Month event—"Where Do We Go From Here?"—held Feb. 28 in Ely Auditorium.

According to panelist Fletch (the name he goes by), a graduate student at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and president of the Black Student Alliance (BSA) there, BSA has found that weekly game and African American movie nights, and occasional round table discussions and workshops garner more student participation and help African American students get to know each other more than do lectures and meetings.

"These events create fun and excitement, and the students get to know each other," he said. Through such events BSA hopes students will

internalize the meaning behind this year's slogan, "Black Love," and come to care for, support, and be proud of each other. "That [slogan] may be only two words, but it's a very difficult thing. We've been taught to hate each other," Fletch said.

Panelist and Gallaudet senior Ann Lynn Smith thought it best to avoid the meeting and lecture approach as well. "Meetings can be boring," she said. "You need an interactive tool; avoid using the term, 'meeting.'"

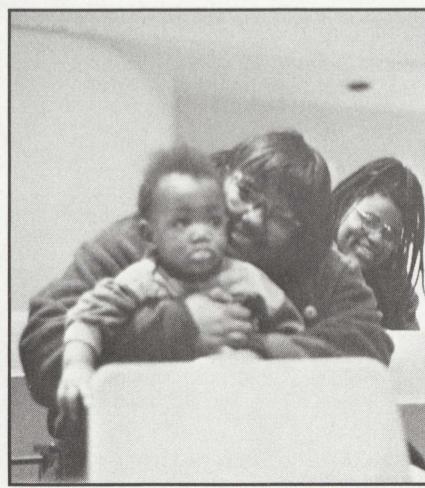
Smith also said that it was a "very motivating experience" for her to become involved in many African American student activities at Gallaudet and to get to know African American staff and faculty here. While she has been involved in many activities and organizations, she feels it is not enough. "We need to set up a black Greek organization so people will recognize and have us be involved in this world as well," she said, suggesting that Gallaudet establish a chapter of Delta Sigma Phi on campus.

Panelist Carolyn McCaskill Emerson, a coordinator at Pre-College's Center for Curriculum Development, Research, and Evaluation and a representative of the Organization for Equity of African-Americans at Gallaudet, agreed. "One goal we have to work on is to become more united so that all African American faculty and staff can act together," she said.

Another panelist, MSSD Special Opportunities Program instructor Fred Beam, urged adults, staff, and faculty to become leaders for new students. "We need to lead them out instead of being too busy with our own goals," he said.

Special student Daisy Wooten added

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Student/babysitter Darin Burwell, Jason McKinney Jr., and Elice Patterson (at rear) attend Black History Month's closing event.

Pre-College advisory panel named

A national panel of educators, members of the deaf community, and parents has been named to advise Gallaudet's Pre-College Programs in matters related to carrying out its federal mandates and national mission. Pre-College is charged with developing programs for use in various educational environments across the nation for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

At its Feb. 11 meeting on Kendall Green, the Board of Trustees approved the 16-member National Advisory Panel, whose members will serve terms ranging from one to three years. The group will meet on campus once each year, with its first meeting scheduled for early fall.

According to Vice President for Pre-College Programs Harvey Corson, the panel was formed as a result of the 1992 Education of the Deaf Act, as amended, which calls for Pre-College to "establish and publish priorities for research, development, and demonstration through a process that allows for public input." The panel, said Corson, is one means being employed to meet that directive.

Among the objectives of the national advisory panel are: to review programs and make suggestions on how they may comply with Pre-College's demonstration and national mission activities; to propose ways that Pre-College can provide training and technical assistance to parents of students who are deaf or hard of hearing and to personnel working with these students; and to share with Pre-College the experiences and needs of other schools and programs working with students who are deaf or hard of hearing. In addition, the panel will provide input on the impact of Pre-College's demonstration and outreach efforts.

The members of the panel represent a cross section of professionals from schools and programs working with

students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and with students in special education, regular education, mainstream, and university programs. Gallaudet alumni, members of the deaf community, and parents are also represented. The panel is chaired by Dr. Tom Holcomb, associate professor of deaf studies at Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif. Holcomb also carries the distinction of being the first MSSD graduate ('76) to earn a doctorate.

Fines increase

Drivers caught parking illegally in campus spaces reserved for drivers with disabilities, or blocking these spaces, face stiffer penalties.

As of March 1, the fines have doubled. Offenders now face a \$100 fine for the first violation and \$200, plus their vehicles will be booted, for the second violation.

A warning was issued in a Feb. 25 memo from President I. King Jordan to the campus community. The increased fines were made on the recommendation of the University Parking Committee in response to complaints of drivers not displaying handicap tags who park in or block spaces for drivers with disabilities.

Dr. Jordan's memo also stated that 14 parking spaces along the former tennis courts near the Sixth Street gate have been eliminated temporarily to make room for pedestrians. The Parking Committee made this decision because of potential danger to pedestrians from construction vehicles entering via Sixth Street en route to the site of the Gallaudet University Conference Center. The lost spaces will be replaced by new spaces in the next few weeks.

Changes to reroute vehicles going to and from the construction site are being considered by the Parking Committee.



Author/actress Lynn Redgrave accepts a T-shirt from MSSD senior Tiffany Green backstage at Ford's Theater. A group from MSSD's Performing Arts Department had gone to Ford's to see "Shakespeare for My Father," in which Redgrave has a starring role.

BDA program recognizes contributors

Six individuals who have made significant contributions to the black deaf community of the Washington, D.C., area were honored at a Black Deaf Advocates (BDA) recognition ceremony Feb. 24 in Ely Auditorium.

Recognized for their notable services to area black deaf people were Pamela Baldwin, Horace Jones, Alaina Drakes, Ruth Reed, Evon Black, and Ann Wilson.

Baldwin is the president of the Washington, D.C., BDA. Jones, who graduated from Gallaudet in 1977, is past president and vice president of BDA and presently serves as its treasurer.

Black told the audience that as a black student at Gallaudet, she had no role models. But after graduation she started working on the BDA's beauty

pageant and raising funds for the organization. "That's when my self-esteem grew," she said.

Wilson is the founding member of BDA and is currently the executive director of Deafpride, Inc. Although she is hearing, she became involved with the black deaf community through her oldest son, who is deaf.

The BDA also recognized six people for their roles in the play "I Didn't Hear that Color": Fred Beam, Warren Snipe, Black, Reed, Irvine Stewart, and Larry Smith. Stewart and Smith were not present at the ceremony. The other four performers acted out the story of the play's history, which originally emerged from a collaboration between the actors and author Robert Daniels, who works on contract with the University's Office of Public Relations and Office of Enrollment Services, and is currently working in post-production on the new Gallaudet recruitment videotape he wrote. Daniels was recognized for his creativity in writing and directing.

Kathy Goldsmith, vice president of the Washington, D.C., BDA, and Florence Nke, Miss Black District of Columbia Black Deaf Advocates, also spoke at the ceremony.

Dinner theater set

MSSD's Star Gallery will be transformed into a dinner theater for all evening performances of the Performing Arts Program's new play "Tabloids," which opens April 28 and runs through May 14.

At a cost of \$15 per person, which includes the show, theater patrons can help themselves to a buffet style dinner. The menu features beef burgundy, grilled orange chicken, tofu teriyaki, rice pilaf, sauteed yellow squash, broccoli with lemon butter, tossed salad, banana pudding, chocolate cake, and rolls and butter. Guests who enjoy wine with their meal are invited to bring their favorite vintage, and the wine will be opened and served by staff.

A minimum of 25 guests and a maximum of 50 guests will be seated for dinner in the gallery each night, so organizers are urging people who are interested in attending to make reservations early.

The evening performances of "Tabloids" will be April 28, 29, and 30; May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14. The buffet will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the curtain goes up at 8 p.m.

Full payment is due one week prior to the reservation date. For reservations, call x5466 or fax (202) 651-5109.



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W. Kenneth Robinson (left) and Bettye Eley (right), of the Region XI Council of Blacks in Government, a nationwide organization, join (from second left) Vice President for Institutional Advancement Margarete Hall and freshmen Salafunmilayo Thorne and Khadima Rasheed, who received scholarships from the organization Feb. 25.



John Millikin (left), manager of Academic Computing, congratulates Elwynn Canning, applications programmer II, for his 10 years of service to the University.

Announcements

The Glenn Dale, Md., Fire Association will hold a spring craft fair on March 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 11900 Glenn Dale Blvd. Several deaf artists will be among the exhibitors. For more information, E-mail DWMILLIOS.

A sign interpreted and sound described matinee performance of "Hexagon '94: Sarcastic Park" has been scheduled for March 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Duke Ellington School of the Performing Arts, located on 35th Street between Reservoir Road and R Street NW, in Georgetown. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information, call the Hexagon box office at (202) 333-SHOW.

The Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind will have a birthday celebration on April 30 at Fegan's Restaurant in the Rio Center Mall, Gaithersburg, Md., from 1:30-6 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$18 if paid by March 15 and \$20 afterward. Ron Ferrell, coordinator of the local branch of the Helen Keller National Center for Adults and Youth, and Art Roehrig, coordinator for Gallaudet's Deaf-Blind Program, will be guest speakers. For information and registration, call Steven Frank, x5215 (TTY), (301) 869-6761 (TTY/V), or E-mail SAFRANK.



Dr. Theresa Chang (left), technical services librarian, and John Day, librarian, congratulate Barbara Thompkins, acquisitions library associate, for her 25 years of service to Gallaudet.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. The deadline for submitting ads is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received March 7-11 will be printed March 21.

WANTED: Reading and writing tutor for 16-yr-old deaf student in Alexandria, Va. Call Elsie, (202) 927-1650 (V) days or (703) 256-9535 (V/TTY) eves.

WANTED: Nonsmoking roommates to share 2-BR house in Cheverly, Md., CAC, W/D, large yard and porch, close to Metro, prof. female preferred, \$400/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call (301) 773-7753 (V).